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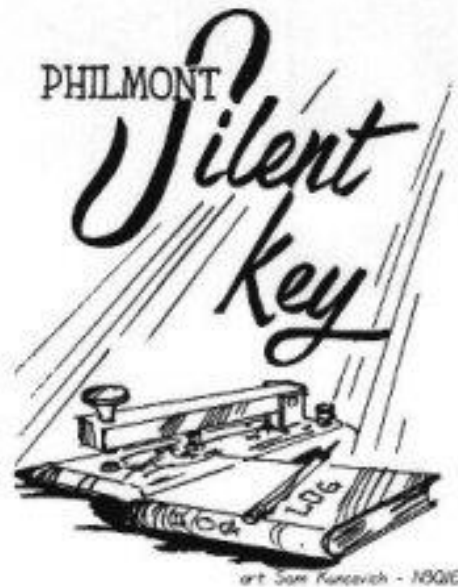
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***There are no meetings in July and August
But don't worry, the Blurb never sleeps!***

Russ Miller K3NYN SK *see page4*



*Welcome to new members George Gianios WB3DZZ
and Bill Hewitt W3FRB*

Thank- you letters from scholarship recipients

News from Yaesu

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		<p>Sunday Morning Net Schedules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Meter/ 70cm Net..... at 0930L on W3QV repeater • 10-on-10 Net at 1000L 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM) • 75 meter Net at 1020L 3.993 MHz LSB • ARES at 2100L on the W3QV repeater 	
<p>Committees</p> <p>Blurb folding: KB3IV & N3GLU Directory: KB3IV Field Day: KC2PMW Fusion Coord: NC3U</p>	<p>Internet: N3QV & KC2PMW Membership: K3HWG Net Control: KB3IV</p>	<p>Program: W3AOK Publicity: W3RM Refreshments: W3AOK Repeater: W3AOK</p>	<p>Scholarship: W3RM Sunshine: N3GLU VE Program: NS3K Welcome: N3UBY Youth: KC2PMW</p>

All visitors are welcome!

The club meets at 7:00 PM on the *second* non-holiday Wednesday each month except July and August at Giant Supermarket, 315 York Rd, Willow Grove, PA
 Maps and directions are available at www.phil-mont.org.

License Examinations are held on the fourth **non-holiday Thursday** each month at **Community Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002**
 Registration begins at 7:00 P.M. Applicants should contact Jim McCloskey NS3K at 215-275-2979 or jmccloskey@msn.com for the latest information.

Club Stations W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System
 Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA **Trustee: W3RM**
147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz
 Reach us on EchoLink through W3QV-R
W3AA Trustee: WU3I
W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: N3QV

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The Prez Sez ...



Hello Phil-Mont

I hope everyone is having a great summer.

This month's article will be short as I am currently on Vacation in Myrtle Beach, SC as of this writing. WX here has been HOT but that's what you get in SC in the middle of the summer.

I would like to welcome two new members to Phil-Mont.

George Gianios WB3DZZ and Bill Hewitt W3FRB. Both of these gentlemen are great guys and will be an asset to Phil-Mont.

As I said this will be short so I am back to the beach and see you next month.

The following is a list of speakers for our meetings for the next few months:

July/August Summer Break

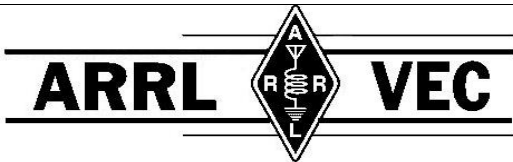
If anyone has any suggestions for a speaker or would like to speak at one of our meetings please let any of the club officers or board members know. Your input is vital and we welcome all suggestions.

Don't forget to sign up for the Phil-Mont Yahoo Group. We currently have 40+ members. This is a good way to share ideas amongst the membership. Sal NC3U is the moderator the group. For more info and to join the group contact Sal.

Everybody have a great and safe summer and we will see you in September.

See you all at the next meeting.

73, Greg WA3GM



*Thursday evening session is on
the 25th this month.*

As always, many thanks to our VE team!

The following radio amateur has applied for PMRC membership:

William Hewitt W3FRB
Pottstown, Pa.
Gen Class

Phil-Mont Birthdays & Tidbytes

August Birthdays

01 Ralph Germanotta – K3FXR
 03 Mark Wallin - W3MJW
 02 Tom Bohlander - WA3KLR

09 Carolyn Popovic - KA3VLJ
 07 Michael Errigo - WB3EQW

14 Patricia MacKenzie (XYL W3RED)
 16 Charles Farrell - AB3WD
 18 Norma Coupe (XYL WA3BXH)
 19 Donna Lynn Larkin - WA1WYQ (XYL KA2FFP)
 20 Keiko Simon – KB3SJT

23 Ray Kiesel - K3RIZ
 24 Tim Coughlin - KC3DII
 25 Linda Cantarella (XYL N3DTC)
 27 James Lamont-N3SHM

30 Vincent Buono - WA3ADI

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. has:
 104 FULL PAID MEMBERS
 10 FAMILY MEMBERS
 2 YOUTH MEMBERS
 1 HONORARY MEMBER
 1 Pending Member

Russ Miller K3NYN SK

Russ Miller, K3NYN, was a former Phil-Mont member and was well known in our area. Thought those who knew him would appreciate reading about his very full life and possibly read his blog.

Russell E. Miller, III, 90, a Ft. Myers, FL resident for the last 12 years, formerly of St. Augustine, FL, and Delaware Valley, Pennsylvania, passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2016 in Ft. Myers. He was born April 22, 1926 in Philadelphia, PA to Russell Miller, Jr. and Florence Miller, now deceased.

Russ was an active member of the All Faiths Unitarian Congregation, Ft. Myers and served in the

US Coast Guard during WWII. He grew up on a farm in Ambler, PA to become a complete Renaissance man. Russ built a prominent career in PA as a realtor with his wife, Winnie, taught attorneys in real estate and estate planning, gave testimony to Congress supporting fair mortgage payment options for home owners, authored books on estate planning, and served as President of the Delaware County Real Estate Board in PA. For 25 years, Russ hosted popular WWDB-FM radio show "Real Estate and Your Estate, with Russ Miller", right through retirement. He was a member of Broadcast Pioneers and a ham radio operator, K3NYN. Throughout his life, Russ was a multifaceted artist: a photographer, a writer, a musician, a painter and sculptor. His later years were in Fort Myers where he played piano daily for a live audience, produced monthly live variety shows and open mic nights for writers to perform their work. He was a member of Gulf Coast Writer's Association. At 88 he launched a blog of his short stories, posting over 100 of them on www.RussMillerStories.com. At 90, Russ left behind his first novel, completed to chapter 32, with a final conversation to his daughters of how to write the ending for him. Russ Miller will be remembered as an example of a life fulfilled, never wasting a talent, never wasting a day right up to the last one.

Dear Phil Mont Radio Club,

My name is Bernard Socha, KB3YWW. I recently found out that I had won the Phil Mont scholarship for this upcoming school year, and I wanted to thank you.

I just graduated this past May from Wilkes University near my home in Mountain Top, PA. I earned two Bachelor of Science degrees in electrical engineering and mechanical engineering Summa Cum Laude, with a minor in physics. I have plans of returning to Wilkes this Fall to earn my Masters of Science in mechanical engineering. In the future (a few years out), I also have plans of earning another masters in electrical engineering specializing in electrical power.

People always ask me which engineering I prefer and I don't really have an answer. Mechanical engineering is easier to visualize, and I enjoy determine the breaking points of different materials in different situations. Electrical engineering is also very interesting in how you can control currents and voltages to do what you want in a very small and cheap package. What once took large mechanical systems to control can now be done with a single IC chip, the size of your finger. In this past year I had the opportunity to take modern communication systems and electricity and magnetism. Although not fully geared toward radio, I hope to use this to design better some antennas.

I currently have a 10 meter wire dipole setup in the attic along with 20m and 40m dipoles in the back yard, which are new for the fall of 2014. This is connected to my Yaesu FT-890, which can push about 100 watts. So far I have talked to about 35 states and about as many countries in North and South America and Europe. I have grown fond of the 15m band, and most enjoy making DX contacts. Earning the scholarship has allowed me to spend a little more money on the hobby. My plans for the upcoming year include new designs of antennas that may be more directional than the dipoles I have. I often lose out on contacts against hams with fully legal power on yagis. I hope to be one of those guys once I am done with school and moved to my own house.

It is actually a funny story on how I had earned my license. My friend had been studying the technician question pool extensively in the summer after our senior year of high school. He had called me one

day and asked if I'd be interested in taking the test with him that night. I was skeptical, but agreed. Throughout the day I read the pool several times and took online practice. I successfully earned my technician class license and got an HT later that year. I became very active on the local 2 meter nets. The next summer I was all studied up for the general and passed at our local hamfest.

When I started college I had seen that there was an amateur radio club at Wilkes at one time. Our license was about to expire, and the current club advisor wanted nothing to do with restarting the club. I decided that it was unlikely that the club could be restarted, and just did my own thing at home. This was until I heard about an adjunct professor who taught electrical engineering courses at night. He had his license and was willing to work with me to restart the club. I talked a few of my friends into signing up and I met with student government and we became a full-fledged club. The club has grown to about twenty active members. We set up with our local repeater club to have a testing night at the school in early 2014. Here twelve students earned their technician license and I successfully upgraded to extra. The club, KB3HXQ, isn't on the air yet. We have the radios, but the antennas are in rough shape. The shack also had to be moved so the coax has to be rerun. The club took a trip to the ARRL Centennial Convention in July 2014, where we also toured and transmitted from W1AW.

There are many aspects of radio and everyone has their favorite. I most prefer going to hamfests and purchasing items that other people consider to be boat anchors. They are sometimes still functional and often look cooler than newer equipment so I try to work them in, plus they are cheaper. If they don't seem to function I try to figure out how they work and hopefully fix them, although this is not always the case. If not they usually become a display piece on my wall. When on the radio, I most prefer making side band DX contacts.

My new passion is collecting QST magazines. I am trying to put together the complete collection and have about 75% of the issues, almost 900! I generally pick them up at hamfests and really enjoy reading the old issues and seeing how technology has changed.

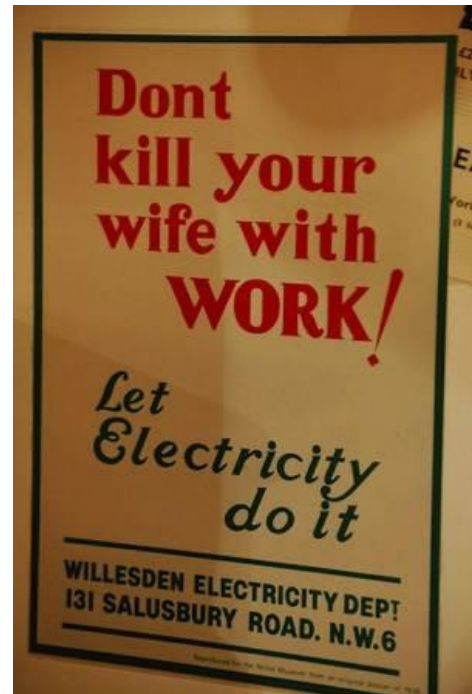
I am anxious to get set up with some digital modes and am practicing CW, but it's a slow go. I have passed the ARES training course and have worked some practice drills at our local nuclear power plant. I hope to continue my DXing and be a century club member by the end of the year. Again thank you for your support of the scholarship fund and I hope to talk to you on the air some time.

73.

Bernie Socha
KB3YWW



New club bylaw?



If only they hadn't fired the proofreader!

Fusion repeater update from KB3IV

Good news, guys. Just got off the phone with Chris Wilson at Yaesu. Following up on our upgrade request for the 147.165 Fusion repeater. He said we are approved and it should go out this week.

Also had a chance to talk to him about visiting the Philadelphia area and talking to fusion repeater owners and users. He said it was on his agenda to do that in the near future. We are very lucky to have someone like Chris, who takes his mission very seriously. Looking forward to his visit. Will keep everyone updated.

Ed KB3IV

I wanted to formally thank you and the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club for yet another generous scholarship. As I head into my final year of Drexel University's 2+4 Bachelor of Architecture program, your gift will considerably lessen the burden of tuition. I am so thankful that Phil-Mont and the amateur radio community in general has supported me consistently throughout my six-year journey to graduation.

In September, I will begin my final year in the architecture program at Drexel University. The program is formatted as a unique work-study; I work full time in an architecture firm, Metcalfe Architecture & Design, and at night, I take evening classes. So far, I absolutely love the challenge of architecture- the design process, coordinating with engineers, and working with clients. I plan to become a licensed architect shortly after my graduation in June 2017.



Amateur radio has become such a wonderful part of my life. I was licensed when I was nine years old and have been an active ham since that time, usually operating with my dad as a father-daughter pastime. I enjoy participating in contests, especially those focused on DX. I love looking up my international contacts up on QRZ.com to learn about their about their "ham shacks," hometowns, and culture. Amateur radio is a fantastic connection to people around the globe and I have learned so much about geography and culture from this hobby. It has brought me a plethora of new friendships and experiences over the years as well.

Thank you again for your support. I am so grateful. I'm sorry that I missed field day, but I hope you all had a fantastic weekend in Fort Washington State Park!

Warm Regards and 73,

Caitlin Brady
W3CJB

August at Phil-Mont

7 Sun KC3DII

Purple Heart Day

14 Sun W3STW

21 Sun KB3IV

25 Thur Evening VE session

28 Sun WA3GM

***Don't forget the ARES net on Sunday nights and
the Digital net on Tuesday nights.***

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For Sale

***1/8" (290#) & 3/16" (380#) Dark Olive Drab
Braided Cord · 100% Polyester/Dacron Knit
Braided. Nice stuff! Tough and long lasting · UV
Resistant and Low Stretch Proudly Made in the
U.S.A.! Contact Steve WU3I at wu3i@arrl.net or
215-605-6074***

For Sale - Comet CHV-5X HF limited space
Antenna.

Covers 40-6 meters. Original price \$319.

Only a few months old and works fine. Sale price
\$200

Contact George, WB3DZZ - ggianios@verizon.net
(Posted by WA3DSP Doug Crompton)

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